

TRS-80[®] Color Computer MICRO- COMPUTER SYSTEM



Start-Up

1. Turn the television set ON.
2. Select channel 3 or 4.
3. Set the Antenna Switch to "COMPUTER."
4. Turn on any accessory equipment (e.g., a printer).
5. If you're using a Program Pak™, insert it now, before turning on the Computer.
6. Turn the Computer ON.
7. If you're not using a Program Pak™, the Color BASIC or Extended Color BASIC start-up message will appear on the TV, followed by: OK

The Computer is now ready to use.

Note: Information pertaining to Extended Color BASIC *only* is shaded like this paragraph. Non-shaded information pertains to both Extended and non-Extended Color BASIC.

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Video Control Codes

Dec	Hex	PRINT CHR\$(code)
8	08	Backspaces and erases current character.
13	0D	Line feed with carriage return.
32	20	Space

Operators

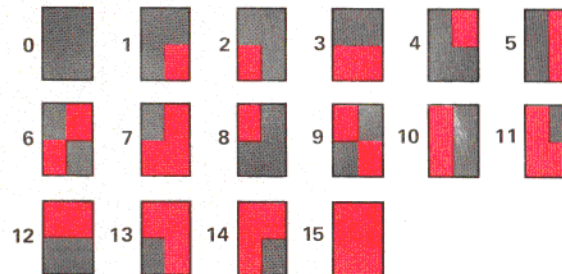
Each operator or group of operators is precedent over the group below it.

↑	Exponentiation
-, +	Unary negative, positive
*, /	Multiplication, division
+, -	Addition and concatenation, subtraction
<, >, =, <=, >=, <>	Relational tests
NOT	
AND	
OR	

Graphic Character Codes

Given the *color* (1-8) and the *pattern* (0-15), this formula will generate the correct code:

$$\text{code} = 128 + 16 * (\text{color} - 1) + \text{pattern}$$



For example, to print *pattern* 9 in blue (*code* 3), type:

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C = 128 + 16 * (3 - 1) + 9
? CHR$(C)
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Functions

Argument ranges are indicated by special symbols:

numeric: $(-10^{38}, +10^{38})$
x: (0-255)
y: (0-191)
location: (0-65535)
code: (0-255)
str: string argument
var: variable name

ABS (numeric) Computes absolute value.
Y = ABS(5)

ASC (str) Returns ASCII code of first character of specified string.
A = ASC(T\$)

ATN (numeric) Returns arctangent in radians.
Y = ATN(X/3)

CHR\$(code) Returns character for ASCII, control, or graphics code.
? CHR\$(191)
P\$ = CHR\$(T)

COS (numeric) Returns cosine of an angle given in radians.
Y = COS(7)

EOF (f) Returns FALSE (0) if there is more data; TRUE(-1) if end of file has been read. For cassette, *f* = -1; for keyboard, *f* = 0.
EOF = (-1)
EOF = (0)

EXP (numeric) Returns natural exponential of number (e^{number}).
Y = EXP(7)

FIX (numeric) Returns truncated (whole number) value.
Y = FIX(7.6)

HEX\$(numeric) Computes hexadecimal value.
PRINT HEX\$(30)
Y = HEX\$(X/16)

INKEY\$ Checks the keyboard and returns the key being pressed (if any).
A\$ = INKEY\$

INT (numeric) Converts a number to an integer.
X = INT(5.2)

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JOYSTK (j) Returns the horizontal or vertical coordinate (j) of the left or right joystick:

- 0 = horizontal, left joystick
- 1 = vertical, left joystick
- 2 = horizontal, right joystick
- 3 = vertical, right joystick

M=JOYSTK(0)

H=JOYSTK(1)

LEFT\$ (str,length) Returns left portion (length characters) of string.

P\$=LEFT\$(M\$,7)

LEN (str) Returns the length of a string.

X=LEN(SEN\$)

LOG (numeric) Returns natural logarithm.

Y=LOG(353)

MEM Finds the amount of free memory.

PRINT MEM

MID\$ (str,pos,length) Returns a substring of another string starting at pos. If length is omitted, the entire string right of position is returned.

F\$=MID\$(A\$,3)

?MID\$(A\$,3,2)

PEEK (location) Returns the contents of specified memory location.

A=PEEK(32076)

POINT (x,y) Tests whether specified graphics cell is on or off, x (horizontal) = 0-63; y (vertical) = 0-31. The value returned is -1 if the cell is in a text character; mode; 0 if it is off, or the color code if it is on. See CLS for color codes.

IF POINT(10,10) THEN PRINT "ON" ELSE PRINT "OFF"

POS (device) Returns current print position. Device-1 = printer, -2 = display.

PRINT TAB(8) POS(0)

PPOINT (x,y) Tests whether specified graphics cell is on or off and returns color code of specified cell.

PPOINT(13,35)

RIGHT\$ (str,length) Returns right portion of string.

ZIP\$=RIGHT\$(AD\$,5)

SGN (numeric) Returns sign of specified numeric expression:

- 1 if argument is negative
- 0 if argument is 0
- +1 if argument is positive

X=SGN(A*B)

SIN (numeric) Returns sine of angle given in radians.

Y=SIN(5)

STRING\$ (length,code or string) Returns a string of characters (of specified length) specified by ASCII code or by the first character of the string.

?STRING\$(5,"%")

?STRING\$(5,91)

STR\$ (numeric) Converts a numeric expression to a string.

S\$=STR\$(X)

SQR (numeric) Returns the square root of a number.

Y=SQR(5+3)

TAN (numeric) Returns tangent of angle given in radians.

Y=TAN(45.7)

TIMER Returns contents or allows setting of timer (0-65535).

?TIMER

TIMER=0

USRn (numeric) Calls user's machine-language subroutine.

X=USR(Y)

VAL (str) Converts a string to a number.

A=VAL(B\$)

VARPTR (var) Returns address of pointer to the specified variable.

Y=USR(VARPTR(X))

Control Keys



Cancels last character typed; moves cursor back one space.

SHIFT

Erases current line.

BREAK

Interrupts anything in progress and returns to command level.

CLEAR

Clears the screen.

ENTER

Signifies end of current line.

SPACEBAR

Enters a space (blank) character and moves cursor one space forward.

SHIFT

Causes currently executing program to pause (press any key to continue).

SHIFT

All-caps/upper-lowercase keyboard switch. (Lowercase displayed as reversed capitals.)

Special Characters

' Abbreviation for REM.

\$ Makes variable string type.

: Separates statements on the same line.

? Same as PRINT.

, PRINT punctuation: spaces over to the next 16-column PRINT zone.

; PRINT punctuation: separates items in a PRINT list but does not add spaces when they are output.

Error Messages

Abbreviation

/0

AO

BS

CN

DD

DN

DS

FC

FD

FM

ID

IE

I/O

LS

NF

NO

OD

OM

OS

OV

RG

SN

ST

TM

UL

Explanation

Division by 0

File already OPEN

Subscript out of range

Can't continue

Redimensioned array

Device number error

Direct statement in file

Illegal function call

Bad file data

Bad file mode

Illegal direct

Input past end of file

Input/Output error

String too long

NEXT without FOR

File not open

Out of data

Out of memory

Out of string space

Overflow

RETURN without GOSUB

Syntax error

String formula too complex

Type mismatch

Undefined line

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Statements

AUDIO Connects or disconnects cassette output to TV speaker.

AUDIO ON
AUDIO OFF

CIRCLE (x,y),r,c,hw,start,end Draws a circle with center at point (x,y) radius r, specified color c, height:width ratio (hw) of 0-4. Circle can start and end at specified point (0-1).
CIRCLE (128,96),50,4,1,0,5,75

CLEAR n,h Reserves n bytes of string storage space. Erases variables. h specifies highest BASIC address.

CLEAR
CLEAR 500
CLEAR 100,14000

CLOAD Loads specified program file from cassette. If file name is not specified, first file encountered is loaded. File name must be eight character/spaces or fewer.

CLOAD
CLOAD "PROGRAM"

CLOADM Loads machine-language program from cassette. An offset address to add the loading address may be specified.
CLOADM "PROG"
CLOADM
CLOADM "PROG",1000

CLOSE d Closes open files.

CLOSE
CLOSE -2

CLS c Clears display to specified color c. If color is not specified, green is used.

0-Black
1-Green 5-Blue
2-Yellow 6-Cyan
3-Blue 7-Magenta
4-Red 8-Orange
CLS
CLS 3

COLOR (foreground, background) Sets foreground and background color.
COLOR 1,3

CONT Continues program execution after pressing (BREAK) or using STOP statement.
CONT

CSAVE Saves program on cassette (program name must be eight character/spaces or less). If A is specified, program saved is ASCII format.

CSAVE "PROGRAM"
CSAVE "PROGRAM",A

CSAVEM name,start,end,transfer Writes out a machine-language file.
CSAVEM "X",4E,6F,5F

DATA Stores data in your program. Use READ to assign this data to variables.
DATA 5,3,PEARS
DATA PAPER,PEN

DEF FN Defines numeric function
DEF FN(X)=X*3

DEFUSR n Defines entry point for USR function n. n=0-9.
DEFUSR5=45643

DEL Deletes program lines.
DEL -
DEL 25
DEL 25 -
DEL -25
DEL 10-25

DIM Dimensions one or more arrays.
DIM R(65),W(40)
DIM A\$(8,25)

DLOAD Loads BASIC program at specified baud.
baud.
0 = 300 baud 1 = 1200 baud
DLOAD "X",1

DRAW Draws a line beginning at specified starting point of specified length of specified color. Will also draw to scale, draw blank lines, draw non-updated lines, and execute substrings. If starting point is not specified, last DRAW position or (128,96) is used.
DRAW "BM100,100;S10;U25;BR25;ND25;XA\$;"

EDIT Allows editing of program line.
nC Changes n number of characters.
nD Deletes n number of characters.
I Allows insertion of new characters.
H Deletes rest of line and allows insert.
L Lists current line and continues edit.
nSc Searches for nth occurrence of character c.
X Extends line.
(SHIFT) Escapes from subcommand.
n (SPACEBAR) Moves cursor n spaces to right.
n (←) Moves cursor n spaces to left.
EDIT 25 (ENTER)

END Ends program.
END

EXEC (address) Transfers control to machine-language programs at specified address. If address is omitted, control is transferred to address set in last CLOADM.
EXEC
EXEC 32453

FOR..TO Creates a loop in program which the Computer must repeat from the first number to the last number you specify.

NEXT Use STEP to specify how much to increment the number each time through the loop. If you omit STEP, one is used.
FOR X=2 TO 5:NEXT X
FOR A=1 TO 10 STEP 5:NEXT A
FOR M=30 TO 10 STEP -5:NEXT M

GET (start)-(end),destination,G Reads the graphic contents of a rectangle into an array for future use by PUT.
GET (5,20)-(3,8),V,G

GOSUB Calls a subroutine beginning at specified line number.
GOSUB 500

GOTO Jumps to specified line number.
GOTO 300

IF TEST THEN...ELSE action 1, action 2 Performs a test. If it is true, the Computer executes action 1. If false, action 2 is executed.
IF A=5 THEN 30

INPUT Causes the Computer to stop and await input from the keyboard.
INPUT X\$
INPUT "NAME";N\$

INPUT#-1 Inputs data from cassette.
INPUT#-1,A

INSTR (position,search,target) Searches for the first occurrence of target string in search string beginning at position. Returns the position at which the match is found.
? INSTR (5,X\$,Y\$)

LET Assigns value to variable (optional).
LET A\$="JOB A"

LIST Lists specified line(s) or entire program on screen.

LIST
LIST 50-85
LIST 30
LIST -30
LIST 30-

LLIST List specified program line(s) or entire program to printer.

LLIST
LLIST 50-85
LLIST 30
LLIST -30
LLIST 30-

LINE (x1,y1)-(x2,y2),PSET or PRESET,BF Draw a line from (x1,y1) to (x2,y2). If (x1,y1) is omitted, the last end point or (128,96) is used. PSET selects foreground color and PRESET selects background color. B draws a box with (x1,y1) and (x2,y2) as the opposing corners. BF will fill in the box with foreground color.
LINE (5,3)-(6,6),PSET

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LINE INPUT Input line from keyboard.
LINE INPUT ANSWER " ; X\$

MID\$ (oldstr, position, length) Replaces a portion of one string with another string.
MID\$ (A\$, 14, 2) = "KS"

MOTOR Turns cassette ON or OFF.
MOTOR ON
MOTOR OFF

NEW Erases everything in memory.
NEW

ON...GOSUB Multi-way branch to call specified subroutines.
ON Y GOSUB 50, 100

ON...GOTO Multi-way branch to specified lines.
ON X GOTO 100, 200

OPEN m, #d, f Opens file (f) at: Screen or Keyboard (0);
Cassette (-1); Printer (-2). For input (I), or output (O).
OPEN "O", -1, "DATA"

PAINT (x,y), c, b Paints graphic screen starting at point (x,y)
with specified color c and stopping at border (b) of specified
color.
PAINT (10, 10), 2, 4

PCLEAR n Reserves n number of 1.5 K graphics memory
pages.
PCLEAR 8

PCLS c Clears screen with specified color c. If color code is
omitted, current background color is used. (See CLS for color
codes.)
PCLS 3

PCOPY Copy graphics from source page to destination page.
PCOPY 5 TO 6

PLAY Plays music of specified note (A-G or 1-12), octave (O),
volume (V), note-length (L), tempo (T), pause (P), and allows
execution of substrings. Also sharps (# or +) and flats (-).
PLAY "L1;A#;PB;V10;T3;L2;B-;9;XA\$;"

PMODE mode, start-page Selects resolution and first
memory page.
PMODE 4, 1

POKE (location, value) Puts value (0-255) into specified
memory location.
POKE 15872, 255

PRESET Reset a point to background color.
PRESET (5, 6)

PRINT Prints specified message or number on TV screen.
PRINT "HI"

PRINT#-1 Writes data to cassette.
PRINT #
? A\$
PRINT#-1, A

PRINT#-2 Prints an item or list of items on the printer.
PRINT#-2, CAP\$

PRINT TAB Moves the cursor to specified column position.
PRINT TAB (5) "NAME"

PRINT USING Prints numbers in specified format.

#	Formats numbers.
PRINT USING "####"; 62.2	
.	Decimal point.
PRINT USING "##.#"; 58.6	
,	Displays comma to left of every third character.
PRINT USING "####, "; 44.0	
++	Fills leading spaces with asterisks.
PRINT USING "####, ##"; 33.3	
\$	Places \$ ahead of number.
PRINT USING "\$###, ##"; 33.3	
\$\$	Floating dollar sign.
PRINT USING "\$\$###, #"; 11.544	
**\$	Floating dollar sign.
PRINT USING "**\$###, ##"; 8.333	
+	In first position, causes sign to be printed. In last position, causes sign to be printed after the number.
PRINT USING "+###, #"; -216	
↑↑↑↑	Exponential format.
PRINT USING "###, ↑↑↑↑"; 546	
-	Minus sign after negative numbers.
PRINT USING "###, #-"; -534.7	
!	Returns first string character.
PRINT USING "!"; "YELLOW"	
%spaces%	String field; length of field is number of spaces plus 2.
PRINT USING "% %"; "BLUE"	

PRINT @ location Prints specified message at specified text
screen location.
PRINT @ 256, "HI"
PRINT @ 256, A\$

PSET (x,y,c) Sets a specified point (x,y) to specified color c. If c
is omitted, foreground is used.
PSET (5, 6, 3)

PUT (start)-(end), source, action Stores graphics from
source onto start/end rectangle on the screen. (Array rectangle
size must match GET rectangle size.)
PUT (3, 2) - (5, 6), V, PSET

READ Reads the next item in DATA line and assigns it to
specified variable.
READ A\$
READ C, B

REM Allows insertion of comment in program line. Everything
after REM is ignored by Computer.
REM THIS IS IGNORED
10 ? X\$: REM IGNORE

RENUM newline, startline, increment Allows program line
renumbering.
RENUM 1000, 5, 100

RESET (x,y) Resets a point.
RESET (14, 15)

RESTORE Sets the Computer's pointer back to first item on the
first DATA line.
RESTORE

RETURN Returns the Computer from subroutine to the BASIC
word following GOSUB.
RETURN

RUN Executes a program.
RUN

SCREEN screen-type, color-set Selects either graphics (1)
or text (0) screen and color-set (0 or 1).
SCREEN 1, 1

SET (x,y,c) Sets a dot at specified text screen location to
specified color.
SET (14, 13, 3)

SKIPF Skips to next program on cassette tape, or to end of
specified program.
SKIPF "PROGRAM"

SOUND tone, duration Sounds specified tone for specified
duration.
SOUND 128, 3

STOP Stops execution of a program.
STOP

TROFF Turns off program tracer.
TROFF

TRON Turns on program tracer.
TRON

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